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Style Invitational Week 1400: Back on track

It's finally Derby weekend, and we have our classic contest. Plus winning limericks.



(Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

By Pat Myers

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- Breed Poe with Screech and name the foal Raven Maniac
- Gimme Some Mo x Finite = OK, Guess I'm Good
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Like almost everything else this year, The Style Invitational's most popular contest faced a what-now? moment this past spring: The Kentucky Derby was rescheduled, tentatively, for Sept. 5. The Empress, not renowned for her Annie-like optimism, decided we'd better do something now than have nothing later: Instead of "breeding" the names of this year's Triple Crown nominees, the Losers worked with the names of previous Derby winners.



Racehorse not included: This week's second prize.

But now: We have Actual Derby! So what the heck, let's do it again with the current crop: **This week: Below is a list of 100 of the horses nominated for the 2020 Triple Crown races** — including the 18 scheduled to run in this weekend's Kentucky Derby. "Breed" any two of the names and name the "foal" to humorously reflect the parents' names, as in the examples above.

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should be easy to read. PLEASE NOTE THE FORMATTING INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS WEEK'S ENTRY FORM. They're very simple but very necessary, so that the E may sort the entries and be sure to see your fabulous work among the thousands of foal names submitted.

Submit up to 25 entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1400 (no capitals in the Web address). **Deadline is Monday, Sept. 14**; results will appear Oct. 4 in print, Oct. 1 online — the same weekend as the similarly postponed Preakness Stakes.

Winner gets the Lose Cannon, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives an official 1983 Kentucky Derby souvenir mint julep glass, donated by Loser Steve Smith. I understand that this is the same glass used to give 1983 winner Sunny's Halo his daily julep, on the rocks.



Other runners-up win their choice of our “[For Best Results, Pour Into Top End](#)” [Loser Mug](#) or our “[Whole Fools](#)” Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, “[No Bility](#)” or “[Punder-achiever](#).” First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air “freshener” ([FirStink](#) for their first ink). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline “Wizards of HAs” is by Jon Gearhart; David Peckarsky wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev; “like” the Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at bit.ly/inkofday.

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And from The Style Invitational four weeks ago ...

The Wizards of HAs: Inking limericks

In [Week 1396](#), our 17th annual **Limerixicon** contest in conjunction with the all-limerick dictionary OEDILF.com, we sought lins that featured “ha-” words.

4th place:

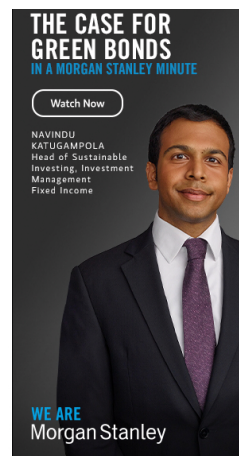
On Twitter, it’s rinse and repeat.
He shares, but is slow to delete
What some bigot has posted,
And then he gets roasted
For beating a **hasty** retweet. (*Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.*)

3rd place:

Our football club’s flailing regime,
In hopes that a change might redeem
Its poor image, took aim
At that godawful name.
So this fall we can all yell “**Hail** team!” (*Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.*)

2nd place and the Poo-Pourri toilet spritzer:

Will they **hack** the election? You bet!
We know Putin’s not quitting his pet.
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Say the Russians: We aren't done — nyet! (Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)

Here's a fact that you simply can't airbrush:

Till the dread morning when

(As is feared by most men)

You have got to admit it's a bare brush. (*Melissa Balmain, Rochester, N.Y.*)

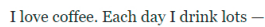
I got fired from **Hallmark**. Boss Fred

Hated all of my cards that he read.

I just couldn't do sappy —

Instead, they were snappy,

Like: "Eat your damn cake. Now drop dead." (Paul VerNooy, *Hockessin, Del.*)



At least two, maybe three or four pots!

But it must be supreme;

I will only take cream.

Call me one of the **half-and-half**-nots. (*Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.*)

“A three-weeks-dead whale?” you might ask,

“Or a spilled toxic-chemical cask?”

The olfactory sin

Is produced from within:

Halitosis while wearing a mask. (*Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase, Md.*)

For your health, just ignore what Trump preaches,

Like how beneficial your bleach is.

Take no medical cue

From the guy with weird hue;

Ignore the **harangue**-a-tan's speeches. (*Duncan Stevens; the sobriquet "harangutan" was coined by Jesse Frankovich in Week 1391*)

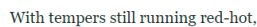
A '70s pop duo votes

To leave fame behind and raise goats.

John's in back, Daryl's lead

As they carry the feed —

Even now, they are still **haulin'** oats. (*Jesse Rifkin, Arlington, Va.*)



Alexander and Aaron are not,

Sadly, changing their minds.

That's how **Hamilton** finds

He will soon give away his last shot. (*Chris Doyle*)

While his life ebbed away from a duel,

And he pondered a fate that was cruel.

What did **Hamilton** think

As he lay on the brink?

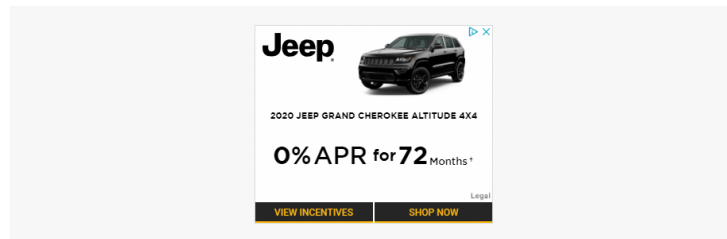


"I wish Burr weren't such a big tuel." (*Mark Raffinan*)

On Broadway, no cheering or clappin',
No chance to hear **Hamilton** rappin'.
But I won't make a fuss
'Cause I've got Disney Plus —
Now the living room's where it will happen. (*Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore*)

The **halberd's** a weapon of yore,
An ax with a spike at the fore.
'Twas not like a mace,
Which, too, had its place —
The difference was bash versus gore. (*Perry Beider, Silver Spring, Md.*)

Tom Swifty was known to be dreamy,
So Miss West asked him up to get steamy.
"I'm happy," she said
From the edge of her bed,
"That you're **hardly** excited to see me." (*Kevin Dopart, Washington*)

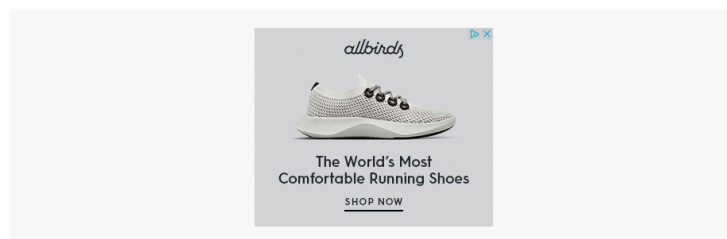


Said Hippocrates, "First do no **harm**."
Were he living, he'd sound this alarm:
There's a pillow guy's cure
For Corona? Yeah, sure.
You buy that, and you might buy the farm. (*Chris Doyle*)

The police can be brutal, we saw,
As a video left us in awe.
Though we must deter crime,
Most agree that it's time
To reform the long **harm** of the law. (*Jesse Frankovich*)

"I will spin." All my nerves became icier;
With ten thousand, my choice was much dicier.
But I watched it revolve ...
"Lose a turn." "I will solve!"
Seems that "Wheel" is just **hangman**, but pricier. (*Matt Monitto, Bristol, Conn., who won on "Wheel of Fortune" in 2014*)

The spelling of words such as "**half**"
Is a bane for an editor's staf.
But English is tough
If you don't know your stough.
So sometimes, you've just gotta lalf. (*Rob Cohen, Potomac, Md.*)



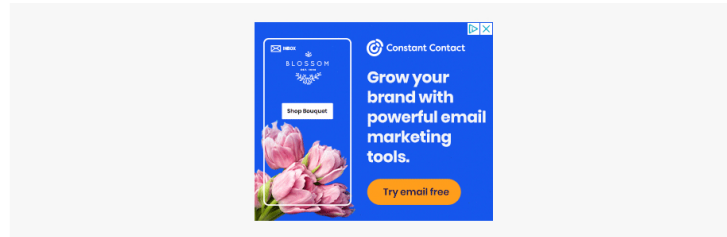
Said the pigeon: "My greetings are warm,
But certainly far from the norm:
I just say, 'Hi! Cool!'
I've produced something new —
A **haiku** that's in limerick form." (*Ann Martin, Brentwood, Md.*)

The onslaught of Hurricane Papi
De-roofed Pharrell's bungalow. Crappy!
Yet the house seemed renewed,
In a lighthearted mood;
Each room of the remnant was **hanny**. (*Duncan Stevens*)

On a **hairpin**, a vehicle's drift
May allow for a turn that is swift.
If the torque isn't low,
The transmission can blow
And result in a pile of shift. (*Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.*)

Our mother took in a new mister
Who frequently cuddled and kissed her.
It wasn't until
We were reading her will
That we found out we had a **half sister**. (*Mark Calandra, Wenham, Mass.*)

The germ that makes covid-19
Is a virus that's largely unseen.
But in eight weeks, I fear
Boorish clods will appear
Dressed as pathogens for **Halloween**. (*Frank Mann, Washington*)



A rabbi renowned for his noshin'
Told students to exercise caution.
We avoid by all means
Ham 'n' eggs, ham 'n' beans
But delight in some nice ham 'n' taschen. (*Jeff Shirley, Richmond, Va.*)

Snotty clerk: "These have nary a blemish:
Hand-stitched **handkerchiefs**, sewn by the Rhemish!"
I replied, though, unthwarted,
"All mine, too, are imported!
See this one in my pocket? It's phlegmish." (*Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.*)

My young daughter said, "Coffee with lime
Is useful at **hangover** time."
It's good information —
But what consternation:
My kid's more drink-savvy than I'm! (*Sharon Neeman, Pardes Hannah, Israel*)

This Brexit approval I'm killing!
Whatever it takes, I am willing —
Bring back the old system!
I'm sure you've all missed 'em:
The **ha'penny**, farthing and shilling. (*Sarah Walsh, Rockville, Md.*)

Though Passover last left us reeling,
Next year's will be much more appealing.
The '21 Seder
Won't reach a new nadir —
Let's just say **Haggadah** good feeling. (*Jesse Rifkin*)

"The back-to-school season's so cute —
How I love watching little Sam scoot
With his backpack and lunch,
And his socks in a bunch,
And his state-of-the-art **hazmat** suit!" (*Melissa Balmain*)

In the Louvre they sustained some bad luck;
A suicide bomber had struck.
Covered in remnants
Of Rubens and Rembrandts,
The Venus de Milo said, "Flipping heck! What on earth just **happened**?" (*Bob Turvey, Bristol, England*)

Still running — deadline Monday night, Sept. 7: our contest for fake trivia about summer.
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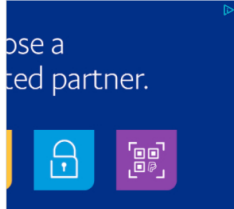
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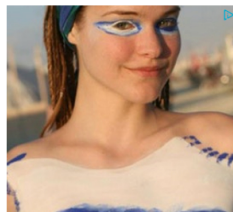
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